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For: FORMATION OF ARRAYS OF MICROELECTRONIC ELEMENTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 3, insert -The present Application is a Divisional Application of

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/427,251, filed on October 26, 1999.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-10 and 19-25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 19-25 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 11-18. No new matter has been added.

The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corporation at Reel 010338, and Frame 0414.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

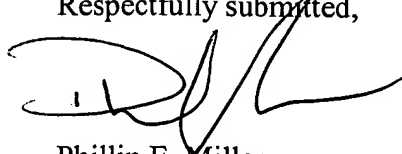
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